

**REMARKS**

Applicants have carefully reviewed the Office Action dated November 21, 2005. Claims 1-28 are pending in the application. Applicants have amended Claims 1-3, and 24. Reconsideration of the claims, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 11 and 17 were objected to for various informalities. These claims have been amended where necessary to overcome the informalities.

Claims 1-3 and 22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 for the use of the term "substantially." Applicants respectfully traverse. The term "substantially" has long been used in claim language to modify terms without requiring a specific requisite degree disclosed within the specification. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 22-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hanson et al.* (*Hanson*) in view of *Jacobs et al.* (*Jacobs*). Claim 22 has been amended to include an indication that the data object is for generating a modified graphical user interface of a plurality of different applications. Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of *Hanson* and *Jacobs* do not describe a data object for generating a modified graphical user interface of a plurality of different applications. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 22-28, and all claims dependent therefrom, are allowable over the art of record. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-15, 17-21 and 29-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Hanson* in view of *Grauman* and further in view of *Jacobs*. Claim 1 has been amended to more particular recite "enabling the first user to modify at a first location a graphical user interface of any of a plurality of different applications . . . such that the at least one second user can recreate at the second location a modified graphical user interface of any of the plurality of different applications." The *Official Action* has recited the *Grauman* reference as disclosing enabling a user to modify a graphical user interface component of a plurality of applications. Applicants respectfully

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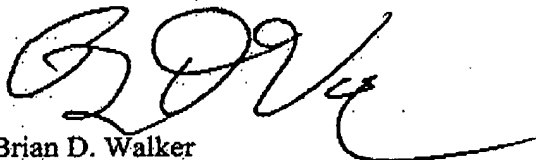
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traverse. The *Grauman* reference is described with respect to only an e-mail application. *Grauman* does not describe modification with respect to a plurality of user applications. Applicants' claim 1, as recited, enables modification of a graphical user interface component of any of a plurality of applications not just within a single application as disclosed in *Grauman*. Therefore, Applicants' claim 1 finds much broader application than would be possible using the method described with respect to *Grauman*. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1, and all claims dependent therefrom, are distinguishable from the art of record and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Claims 2 and 3 have been amended in a manner similar to claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 2 and 3, and all claims dependent therefrom, are allowable for similar reasons as claim 1. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and comments, the Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are allowable over the art of record and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Please charge any additional fees or deficiencies in fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0780/NEXU-26,962 of HOWISON & ARNOTT, L.L.P.

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